## STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

WHEREAS; Wisconsin has a proud history of maple syrup production, and is home to a thriving community of industry professionals who produce hundreds of thousands of gallons of maple syrup every year; and

WHEREAS; with thousands of maple syrup producers operating upwards of 850,000 taps, Wisconsin ranks fourth among the leading maple syrup producing states in our nation, and is a leader in the value of maple syrup production, as well; and

WHEREAS; yielding a significant economic impact to our state each year, maple syrup production sweetened our state's agricultural economy by more than \$7.5 million in 2020 alone; and

WHEREAS; underscoring our state's deep connection and commitment to the maple syrup industry, the sugar maple has been the official state tree of Wisconsin since 1949; and

WHEREAS; the first "tree tapping" of the year in Wisconsin is happening at Leafy Grove Maple in Merrill on March 19, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim March 15 – April 15, 2022, as

## MAPLE SYRUP MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State